Subject No. 72.

Presentation of Darkhasts for land through the post.

Summary of discussion.—The provision in the new Land Revenue Rules requiring the presentation of darkhasts in person tells hard upon the raiyats. The old practice by which darkhasts used to be disposed of even when sent by post should be revived.

Dewan's reply.—Para 19 of Section XX of the rules under the Land Revenue Code says that "it may be "presented to the Amildar in person by the applicant himself, "or on his behalf by any other person, who shall affix thereto "his full signature under the words 'Presented on behalf of "the darkhastdar by . . . . . .' The village officers "shall not accept applications for lands, or make any alter- "ations in the village accounts, without the written orders of "the Amildar." This being so, the application may be addressed to the Amildar and delivered to village officers who will submit them to the Amildar after attesting them.

[illegible] No. 73.

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Summary of discussion.—Hebbidaru in Malnad are similar to Kiribidaru elsewhere and should be given at annas 4 per 100 instead of Rs. 2 per 100. We urged this matter last year. (*Vide* Subject No. 30 of the Proceedings.)

Dewan's reply.—It has been ascertained that the Kiribidaru referred to are not a separate species of bamboo, but only Hebbidaru not fully grown. Under such circumstances, the request cannot be granted.

Subject No. 74.

Free grant of Teak wood for Tank Sluices.

Summary of discussion.—The junglewood used by raiyats at their own cost for tank sluices does not last for more than 2 or 3 years. It is therefore requested that the necessary quantity of teak wood may be ordered to be given free. Government may see that the teak wood so given is used for no other purpose.

Dewan's reply.—The subject will be considered in consultation with the Heads of the Public Works and Forest Departments and needful orders issued.

Subject No. 75.

Free permission to build on unassessed lands bordering on raiyat's holding.

Summary of discussion.—It is absolutely necessary in these Malnad tracts that cultivating raiyats and their Shikmidars should live near their lands by building sheds on Gomal or Kharab lands close by. In certain villages there are not more than 10 houses and even the people living in them prefer to live close to their lands instead of on the allotted village site for fear in their absence of damage to their crops by wild beasts. Therefore we request permission to build houses and sheds and to have thrashing floors and manure pits on any land other than assessed lands without the previous sanction of local officers.

Note.—In the Deputy Commissioner's opinion a relaxation may be made in the case of Malnad raiyats. There are cases in which raiyats build temporary *sheds* and *huts*, as also cases in which they build permanent *houses*. The latter being

very few, the previous sanction of Government should be obtained. As regards the former, permission to build on unassessed lands without receiving previous sanction may be given. But the area occupied should not in each case exceed say 10 guntas, and it should be understood that if the land is required for Government purposes, the occupants will be liable to be removed after due notice without compensation.

Dewan's reply.—There can be no objection to permitting the construction of temporary houses in the manner desired. The needful orders modifying rules to the contrary shall be issued.

Subject No. 76.
Maintenance of portion of Provincial Road within Municipal limits.

Summary of discussion.—Rupees 300 are annually made over to the Yedahalli Municipality from the Public Works Department for the up-keep of the Provincial Road within the Municipal limits and the Municipality is required to repair the road. This practice should be abolished and the Public Works Department should be ordered to maintain the road itself. The Municipality finds it difficult to get contractors to repair this small bit of road only.

Dewan's reply.—If the Municipality does not wish to keep this bit of road in repair and receive the Public Works Department allotment for it, we shall arrange to relieve the Municipality of this function. The Chief Engineer will be instructed on the subject.

Subject No. 77.
Tank or pond for drinking water required at Yedahalli.

Summary of discussion.—It is submitted that a tank or a pond should be constructed by Government for a better supply of drinking water to the residents of the Yedahalli Town.

Dewan's reply.—The Municipal and Local Fund Boards should consider this and if necessary represent to Government.

Subject No. 78.
Maternity required for Yedahalli.

Summary of discussion.—We request that a Maternity may be established at Yedahalli which contains 1,790 inhabitants, of whom 934 are females.

Dewan's reply.—Government is endeavouring to supply the want of midwives as far as possible. (See Subject No. 32 *Supra*).

Subject No. 79.
Extirpation of Lantana in Yedahalli at Government cost.

Summary of discussion.—Yedahalli town having a poor Municipality, it is requested that the lantana bushes thickly overgrowing the town with prejudice to the health of the people besides being a shelter to wild beasts, should be removed once at the cost of Government.

Mr. Venkatakrishna Chetti (Representative from Arkalgud Taluk, Hassan District) also made a similar representation, remarking that lantana was growing over the taluk so as to interfere with cultivation and asked that a standing order may be issued for its destruction like that which is in force in Coorg.

Dewan's reply.—Yes. We shall do this.